



## Chester Bell Thomas Hovermale

May 26, 1922 - August 23, 2007

### HOVERMALE

Chester Bell Thomas Hovermale, age 85, passed away at BAMC Hospital in San Antonio, Texas on August 23, 2007. Chester was born on May 26, 1922 in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia to Harry Webster Hovermale and Agnes Naomi Dawson Hovermale. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harry V. Diz Hovermale, Donald Lee Hovermale; sisters, Helen Ray Burkhart, Earle Marie Crow, Edith Cordelia Householder. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rebecca Jenkins Hovermale; children, Cheslee Inselmann & husband Don, Jerry Dennis Hovermale, Stephen Slocombe, Kimberly Slocombe; grandchildren, Andrew Inselmann, Kaleigh Moreland, Zachary Reisz, Hope Elizabeth Hovermale; 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Herbert Leroy Hovermale and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. As a Chief Gunners Mate in the Navy, Chester served in the Pacific operation during World War II, on the FDR aircraft carrier, and retired as an instructor at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine in 1960. He began a second career with the Postal Service and retired as a letter carrier in 1984. Chester's greatest loves were his wife, family, traveling and playing golf. The family will receive guests on Monday, August 27, 2007 from 6:00PM until 9:00PM, with a Rosary recited at 7:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Graveside Services will be on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 2:15PM at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Dayton B.

Jenkins Endowment Fund, St. Luke's Episcopal School, 11 St. Luke's Lane,  
San Antonio, TX 78209 or to a charity of your choice.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the  
obituary section.

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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Mere,

*This summer was the first time I really got to know pere and spend time with him .We all shared so many moments, like singing in spanish at the dinner table and how I would challenge him for his chair.I do truely feel we forme*

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**Kaleigh Moreland** - September 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Becky,

*Whether he knew it or not Chester was a very big presence in my family's life. Chas and Kip did not get to know their Granddad Jenkins but they were blessed to get to know their Uncle Chester. He was always there for them and shared so mu*

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**Jennifer Hoppe** - September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Aunt Becky,

*I know this must be a difficult time but take solace in knowing that Uncle Chester was beloved by all. He was always a ray of sunshine who brightened up the room. His quick wit and hearty laugh could cheer up anyone, anywhere. I wil*

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**Chas Hoppe** - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Aunt Becky,

*I will always remember the fun I had with Uncle Chester. Each time he came to visit me in Tampa he would greet me with a pat and a back scratch. He would take me for walks around the neighborhood and taught me to mind better and beha*

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**Gunny Hoppe** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Becky,

*Some of my most memorable times are with Chester on the golf course. I remember the first time we played golf together - he killed me! It took about twelve years for me to finally beat him. What a day that was. He bought me a beer in the*

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**Chuck Hoppe** - September 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Aunt Becky,

*I was so sorry to hear that Uncle Chester passed away, and wanted to share my condolences with you. While his passing is obviously a very unfortunate event, I consider myself extremely lucky to have been able to spend time with him while you*

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**Kip Hoppe** - September 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ So sorry to learn about your loss...I lived at 511 Country Lane during the time Chester delivered mail to the neighborhood. It was always a delight to see him, but more than that, he kept up with our families and watched over the neighborhood. I know you

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**Susan Whipple** - August 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Even though we have not seen you in quite some time, we were saddened to learn about your loss. You two were always such a pleasant and happy couple. Bert & I talked and wondered about you guys a lot, remembering Chester bringing cans to Bert for he an

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**Gloria Green** - August 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My prayers are with the Hovermale family. I was blessed to know Chester the few years that I was his insurance agent in San Antonio.

*My deepest Sympathies. He was a really nice man.*

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**Meredith Locke** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *Becky: I was devastated to learn that Chester had lost his battle for life. He'll always be with us in memory; I am so glad I got to know him. I wish we could have bottled that chuckle and be able to take it out and listen to it again. Love, ellie*

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**Eleanore W. Ellis** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Becky and Family:*

*Our condolences are with you. Chester shined like a star. He was always smiling. I have no doubt that he is an angel now.*

*Sincerely,  
Linda King Searight*

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**Linda King** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Becky - When I think of Chester, I see his smiling face, and I think of the love you two shared. It was evident to everyone and an inspiration to me. As I've told you, I admire the way you so closely looked after Chester and took care of him. His smili*

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**Beverly Pizzurro** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Chester was a best friend and part of our family. He befriended us when we first moved to San Antonio and since we moved back home. We will miss his smile, sense of humor and friendship. We will greatly miss him and loved him dearly. Becky, our heart*

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**Ray & Karen Brown** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Becky and family,  
Please except our heartfelt sympathy. We have been your neighbors for 7 years and we always looked forward to Chester's little chats or just his wave and "Good Mornings" We will so miss his ever present smile.*

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**Jim & Linda Duda** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *We will miss our longtime friend and golfer.*

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**Bert and Mary Brown** - August 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Becky~ I'm so shocked to hear about Chester. I have so many great childhood memories of both of you. Great fun and friendship. Chester will be missed so much and I hope that your family and friends will give you strength during this terrible time. Yo*

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**Traci Davlin** - August 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM